

# SLIGHT FALLING OFF IN REALTY MARKET HERE DURING WEEK

Second Period in December  
Fails to Measure Up to  
Previous Six Days.

## SUBURBS CONTINUE IN LEAD

Downtown Business Property  
Also Figures Prominently in  
Trading—Some Big Sales.

Realty trading suffered a slight decline during the second week of December from the activity of the preceding six days. In quality also the transactions did not measure up to the previous week's business. An advance of more than 10 per cent, however, is shown in the number of sales and in the volume of trading as compared with the corresponding week of last year. During the second full week of December the brokers completed 125 deals in which were involved 190 lots and parcels of real estate. In the preceding week 129 sales were made in which were included 242 lots. During the week ended December 18, 1915, the brokers sold 170 lots in 112 transactions. The selling on four out of the six days displayed little activity. Trading was decidedly poor on the other two days. Friday again proved the busiest day of the week, having 20 sales to its credit. Thursday ranked second with 26 sales, followed closely by Wednesday with 25 deals. There were 21 trades on Tuesday, 13 on Monday, 12 on Sunday, and 12 on the half-holiday of Saturday.

**Suburb Still Lead.**  
The outlying suburbs continued in the lead of the market despite a decided "bid" for supremacy from the near-urban district. The suburbs reported the transfer of 65 parcels, while in the changed owners in the area nearer the city limits. The northwest was in third place with 41 lots to its credit. There were 19 lots sold in the northeast, 11 in the southwest, and 11 in the southeast.

**Downtown Business Property.** A prominent part in the property market was played by the chief sale of the week this section was the scene of several important deals. The largest transaction in business property involved premises 438 and 439 Ninth street northwest, adjoining the Garden Theater on the south. According to the revenue stamps, the consideration on the property, the consideration was in the vicinity of \$200,000. Ida B. O'Neill is the purchaser. The title to the building stood in the name of the District Amusement Company. Attached to the deed are revenue stamps of \$2 and the purchaser placed two deeds of trust on the land, one to secure the Washington Loan and Trust Company \$50,000, payable in three years, and the other to secure Edward L. Brady \$25,000 in one, two, and three years. The property is now improved by two stores with an additional story. Whether the building is to be changed is not announced.

**Burch & Kleps bought the business property at 480 Pennsylvania avenue southwest from Salvador S. Richardson for \$21,500.** The new purchasers will remove their business from Louisiana avenue to the new address.

**The property at the northeast corner of Sixth and F streets northwest, which is improved by a dwelling with an entrance on Sixth street, changed owners during the week.** Laura B. Johnston sold the land to Nicolio Genua, who later transferred the property to Marcus S. Genua. The stamps indicate a value of \$5,000.

**The chief sale of the week, if the revenue stamps indicate a cash consideration over the mortgage, involved a tract of land at the junction of Twenty-fourth street and Woodley road northwest in the subdivision known as Preston Heights. The Nixon estate transferred the property to Charles H. Johnston. The stamps suggest a cash payment of \$25,000. Mr. Johnston placed a trust on the land to secure the National Savings and Trust Company \$15,000. If these sums are to be added a consideration of \$40,000 would be included in the deal.**

**Sheridan Circle Deal.**  
For a price said to be \$12,000 Charles H. and Nellie T. Harlow bought of Mabel G. Bell the property at the junction of Massachusetts avenue and California street. The property is in the hands of the Sheridan Circle and in the subdivision of Belair Heights.

**Holmes & Son, the bakery corporation, added to its realty holdings this week by acquiring premises 618 and 620 New Jersey avenue northwest. The properties are adjacent to the corporation's plant and were purchased from John J. Althaus and Mary Burne. The consideration is not stated.**

**The loan market also sustained a slight falling off this week. The exact figures in the loans of the past six days were \$10,054. This sum was not so low as the activity of 246 lots at an average interest rate of 5.6 per cent.**

**The feature of the market was the total of straight loans, which reached \$103,372. The building associations advanced to members \$104,026. The sum of all the notes given for deferred purchase money was \$53,384.**

**County property was most highly favored as a basis for loan security. It is pledged for an aggregate of \$38,974.42. Land in the northwest was encumbered to the extent of \$15,700. The record of loans in the other city sections was: Northeast, \$7,700; southeast, \$27,800; and southwest, \$1,550.**

# BANK DISPOSES OF ALL ITS REAL ESTATE

National Savings and Trust Co.  
Sells Nine Parcels of Land  
to Allen E. Walker.

The National Savings and Trust Company of Washington, by deed conveyed to Allen E. Walker nine parcels of land including 1555 Corcoran street, 1572 L street northwest, three lots on Twelfth street, in Trinidad; a lot on Third street, between G and H streets northeast; a lot on Virginia avenue northwest, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets; three lots on Ontario road, north of Florida avenue northwest; and a tract of ten acres on Rock Creek Church road, opposite Soldiers' Home and north of Upshur street, known as the Redfern tract. This sale embraces all real estate owned by the National Savings and Trust Company, except the office building at Fifteenth street and New York avenue. The consideration is not named, but Mr. Walker gave back a trust of \$30,000. The Redfern property is now being subdivided into 12 building lots with an average frontage of twenty feet. It is proposed to put in all improvements before the property is put out on the market again. Contract has been let to the G. B. Mullin Company for grading to begin this week, facing on Rock Creek Church road have been resold to C. H. Gallier, who will immediately begin to erect five houses.

## St. Paul Apartment Is Sold for Third Time

For the third time within the last three months the St. Paul apartment house, located on the northwest corner of Fifteenth and P streets northwest, has been transferred. About December 1 the building was sold by W. C. Bowles to Mary L. Taylor, for about \$35,000. This week Charles E. Tribby has taken it over in a trade made through the office of Paul V. Mitchell. Mr. Tribby gave as part payment for the property Nos. 1666 Third street, 1668 Third street northwest, 1605 Fourth street northwest, and 914-6 Fifth street southeast. The stamps indicate that in the neighborhood of \$50,000 was involved in the entire transaction.

## Part of Nixon Estate Sold to C. H. Johnston

A portion of the old Nixon estate, former home of Senator Nixon of Nevada, was purchased this week by Charles Hubert Johnston, of this city, as an investment. The consideration, as indicated by the stamps, was in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The tract comprises about twelve acres on the south side of Woodley road, between Connecticut and Wisconsin avenues, directly opposite the estate of Charles J. Bell. The other portion of the estate, approximately four acres, was sold in the house stood, was acquired about six months ago by Senator Brady. The sale was made through the office of William H. Walker.

## Begins Operations on Two New Apartments

Harry Wardman has begun operations on two brick apartment houses, one on Seventeenth street northwest, south of Columbia road, and the other on T street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest. Both buildings will be of fireproof construction. The Seventeenth street building will be three stories high with twelve apartments, and will cost approximately \$50,000, while that on T street will have four stories with forty apartments, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000. A ground is also being broken for six English cottages of brick with slate roofs, on Josslyn street, east of Connecticut avenue in Chevy Chase.

## Maryland Had Bad Crop Year, U. S. Board Reports

Maryland had a bad crop year, as compared with the country in general, according to figures on the Maryland production made public by the crop estimating board of the Department of Agriculture. The figures show that crop production in the State aggregated in quantity about 5 per cent less than last year. Prices on December 1 averaged about 5 per cent lower than a year ago, making a total value of crop production on this basis about 8 per cent less than last year. The estimates are based on those crops whose value in the last complete crop census represented 72 per cent of the value of all crops.

## Tavener to Speak to Rational Defense League

Congressman Clyde H. Tavener of Illinois is to speak before the National Defense League tonight in the rooms of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, on "Taking the Profit Out of War." George P. West, of the Industrial Relations Committee, will preside.

## For Washingtonians

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—Washington Star.

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# OPPOSE A CHANGE IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Eckington-Emory Association Resolves It Would Introduce Politics In Administration.

The proposed change in the school system of the District of Columbia, which would place the appointment of members of the Board of Education in the hands of the Commissioners, was vigorously opposed last night at a meeting of the Eckington-Emory Home and School Association, held at North Capitol and R streets.

A resolution proposed by Mrs. W. W. Frye, was adopted, its text stating that any such change would reduce the efficiency in the school administration. The children of two schools gave a Christmas entertainment following the business session, having been trained by Miss Anna McCoach and Miss Edna Morris. "Christmas in Many Lands," "How Nipper Hubbard Celebrated Christmas," and "Dickens' Christmas Carol" were presented by the pupils.

# FILMS SHOW ACTUAL BATTLE OF NATIONS

Casino Theater to Present Motion Pictures Taken on Fighting Lines of Europe.

Washington is to be given opportunity to witness some of the battles that have been fought in Europe—actual battles calling into use all the modern machinery of war—in a new series of motion pictures obtained in Germany, Poland, and other important places by the corps of cameramen. Those men were engaged by the Correspondent Film Company and by presenting some of their films to the various government and official circles were given opportunity to get into actual photographing distance of many of the big battles actually fought and the battle lines in the fighting nations.

The films are to be exhibited at the Casino Theater beginning tomorrow at 2 o'clock and every day next week beginning at 1 o'clock under the title of "The Battles of a Nation." The impressive features are numerous. The use of actual fighting and of the destructive use of the great guns. The films cover many phases of the great German drive into Russia. Some of them deal with the seizure and fall of Warsaw, many real battle scenes having been secured by the use of telephonic lines and by cameramen who were actually in the battle lines. Behind the lines of the fighting men in Germany and Poland made pictures have been made. Among these is a series showing how the German people met the call for all the resources of the nation. Many precious heirlooms and family relics were cheerfully given up.

## Thirteenth Amendment Birthday Is Celebrated

Under the auspices of the National Emancipation Commemorative Society, a golden jubilee celebration commemorating the fifth anniversary of the declaration of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution was held last night at the home of W. D. Nixon, 1818 Thirteenth street northwest. A carnival and pageant portraying the different stages of the development of American negroes during the last half century were given. The pageant was under the direction of Daniel Freeman and W. D. Nixon. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the society.

## Fire Damages New Home Of Interior Department

Fire about 7:30 o'clock last night in the new Interior Department building at Nineteenth and E streets northwest, caused damage estimated at \$100. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## New Embargo List Is Issued by French Officials

The American consul general at Paris was called that a new, important, and extensive embargo list, varying from December 14, and that complete copies would soon be mailed to the State Department.

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# COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED BY KNOTT

Remarkable Collection Displayed  
Before Two Audiences of National Geographic Society.

Franklin Price Knott, newspaper owner, traveler, and artist, displayed before two audiences of the National Geographic Society at the New Masonic Temple, yesterday, a remarkable collection of color photographs, picked at odd nooks and corners of the world, and especially in the Western States of America.

## Many Difficulties Encountered.

Originally a miniature painter, Mr. Knott has the artist's sense of picture values. Some of his color photographs were studies in lighting, others disclosed all the attention to design and composition and a nice balance between the colors of a scene or figure. None of the pictures shown was hand colored. Some of the difficulties encountered in taking the pictures included long waits of days and weeks for proper lighting effect, the transmuting of willow trees, building of platforms as camera necessities, and needing animals to pose. Though Mr. Knott did not deliver a set lecture, he told interesting anecdotes about the pictures as they were shown. Commenting, for example, upon a fishing scene, he said: "The main business of these people on Sunday is going to church and drinking." Shows Remarkable Films.

The "Dutchman and His Pipe" formed one remarkable figure study, and among the most notable scenic panoramas were those of the Grand Canyon, stretching in a blue haze fourteen miles from the camera, and the Dolomites, which Titian loved to paint. There were several pictures which resembled the paintings of Millet, and in others the lighting effects resembled Rembrandt works. Indian scenes were successive of Frederick Remington. Among the most picturesque views were those concerned with Arabs and their life in the deserts. For their coloring the scenes, pool in Yellowstone Park, with its opalescent lights, and the double rainbow scene in the mountains of the West were remarkable. The sunrise and sunset pictures at Santa Barbara also were impressive color studies.

## LOCAL MENTION.

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# \$5,750,000 SURPLUS REPORTED BY ROPER

First Assistant Postmaster General's Estimates Also Call for Smaller Increase.

A surplus of \$5,750,000, the largest in the history of the First Assistant Postmaster General's office, remained unexpended at the close of the fiscal year, according to the report of that office made public today.

The report also invites attention to the fact that the estimates for the items of expenditure in the office for 1917 call for an increase of only 2.58 per cent, against previous annual increases of more than 6 per cent.

First Assistant Daniel C. Roper says in the report that the examination and classification of fourth class postmasters under the Presidential order of May 7, 1913, has been completed, and the work in connection with the appointment of Presidential postmasters is up to date. From March 4, 1913, to June 30, 1915, 43,968 postmasters of the fourth class were classified, and 7,398 in the Presidential grade, including recess and appointments, were commissioned.

The report further states that with the co-operation of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, many economies have been effected and better service rendered in a number of cities by vehicular collections and delivery, and that Postmaster General Burleson had ordered that all vehicles used at postoffices shall be placed under the control of the First Assistant after next July.

The total postal receipts for the fiscal year was \$27,186,714.85, a falling off of about one-fourth of 1 per cent, as compared with the previous year, according to the report.

The value of the furniture and equipment now used exclusively for postal purposes at postoffices is estimated at \$24,000,000, of which about \$10,000,000 represents that part which is owned by the Government and supplied by the Treasury Department.

The report says postmasters and other postal employees who are required to give bond are often charged excessive premiums for these bonds, and that frequently the protection given by the bonds is inadequate. The recommendation is therefore made that a guaranty

# Working for Commercial Relations With America

Two trade commissions from Europe are touring the United States in an effort to form closer commercial relations.

One of them, from France, is a purchasing commission empowered to make contracts for supplies in the United States. The other commission is from Amsterdam, Holland, and is conferring with American manufacturers and exporters, with a view to fostering trade and forming closer commercial ties.

## Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Real Estate Brokers' Association, to have been held on Monday, has been postponed until after the holidays, in order not to conflict with meetings of the Bankers' Association and the Board of Trade.

## GARDEN TODAY

SAMUEL De GRASSE  
In Martyrs of the Alamo

Feature No. 2—Hale Hamilton in Her Painted Hero

STRAND TODAY  
RUBY HOFFMAN  
In DANGER SIGNAL

Feature No. 2—BANKHURST VICTORY

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